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Milan, May 4. *N. S.*

ALL the *French* and *Italian* Horſe which were quartered within this Dutchy began to march the 2d Inſtant towards *Cremona*, where they are ordered to be by the 10th, and the Foot will likewiſe leave their Quarters in a very ſhort time: It is ſaid the greateſt part of theſe Troops is to be employed in continuing the Blockade of *Berſello*, and that thoſe which are at preſent poſted about that Town will be ordered to join the main Army under the Command of the Duke *de Vendoſme*. The Garriſon of that Place, notwithſtanding its having been ſo long blocked up, appears to be in no want of Neceſſaries, but frequently makes Excurſions with very good Succeſs, in ſome of which they have had the good fortune to ſeize ſeveral Boats on the *Po*, which were laden with Corn, and other Proviſions, for the uſe of the *French* Army; and in all appearance, ſhould they attack that Town by way of a formal Siege, (which Deſign has been much diſcourſed of, but ſeems now to be laid aſide) it would ſtill be able to make a very good Defence.

Mantua, May 4. Four Regiments of Foot are marched out of this Garriſon, in order to join the *French* Forces which are gathering together near *San Giacomo*, in order, as is given out, to ſome conſiderable Enterpriſe, which is kept ſecret. In the mean time the *Germans* have ſo well ſecured their Poſts, by ſupplying with good Intrenchments, Redoubts and other Works, whatever they wanted of natural Strength, that it is believed they cannot be attacked without great Diſadvantage. The Duke of *Vendoſme* complains very much of the Recruits ſent him this Spring from *France*, which conſiſt chiefly of Perſons who are either too young or too old for the Service, and thoſe too for the moſt part forced to enter into it againſt their Inclinations. We hear the *French* Troops which are poſted near *Berſello* have poſſeſſed themſelves of a Mill near the River *Lenza*, about a Mile and half above that Place, and are raiſing a Battery there; but are much diſturbed in that Work by the Fire of the Cannon from the Town.

Leghorn, May 4. A *French* Man of War ſailed from hence three days ago for the Gulph of *Venice*, and met off this Port an *Engliſh* Ship called the *Newfoundland* Frigat, to whom he gave chaſe; but the Merchant Man got ſafe into *Spezzia*, a Port belonging to the Republick of *Genoua*.

Florence, May 5. Sir *Lamkert Blackwell*, Her Majeſty of *Great Britain*'s Envoy Extraordinary, had Publick Audience the 28th Inſtant of the Great Duke of *Tuſcany*, and of the Prince and Princeſs.

Rome, May 5. The Pope grows daily better in his Health, and goes abroad again, and applies himſelf to the Diſpatch of publick Affairs. There have lately been ſeveral Conſultations held between his Miniſters about the raiſing of Money to ſupport the extraordinary Charge he is at, in this time of War, to maintain the Forces he is obliged to keep on foot for the Security of his own Territories: And it is ſaid that, in conſideration of the great Loſſes which his Subjects have ſuſtained by the late dreadful Storms and Earthquakes, he has reſolved not to burthen them with any new Taxes, but rather to borrow Money at Intereſt of the Republick of *Genoua*. It is ſaid, the Pope intends to erect a new Bank in this City. About 200 Soldiers were ſent this week to *Civita-Vecchia*, to reinforce that Gariſon: Several Companies of Foot more are ordered to be in a readineſs to embark on the Pope's Gallies which are fitting out in order to cruize againſt the *Turks*. On the 24th paſt we had another Earthquake, but it did little Damage. Letters from *Naples* ſay, they continue to fortify their Seaport Towns; and that a Train of Artillery is preparing in the Arſenal of that City; the Forces in that Kingdom being ſhortly to draw together, as well to defend it againſt any Attempts from abroad, as to awe the Malecontents and Favourers of the Houſe of *Auſtria*, whoſe Party gains ground every day there, as well as in *Spain*.

Copenhagen, May 19. The King of *Denmark* made a Review this week of his Guards, and of the Forces which are in Gariſon here, amounting in the whole to 4500 Men; and intends in 4 or 5 days to go to *Yagersbourg*, where the Court will continue 2 or 3 weeks, after which, it is ſaid, the King will make a Progreſs into the Country of *Holſtein*. Monſieur *Calnein*, who was formerly one of the Queen Regent's Gentlemen of the Chamber, is made Governor of this Univerſity, in the room of the Count *d'Ahlfeldt*, who has reſigned that Employment. On the 10th Inſtant divers of our Merchant Ships, laden for the moſt part with Iron, Pitch and Tar, ſailed from hence, under Convoy of a Man of War, ſome for *England*, and the reſt for *Holland*.

Falmouth, May 22. On the 16th Inſtant two *Dutch* Privateers ſent in here two *French* Prizes laden with Wine, Brandy and Salt, bound from *Rochel* to *Newfoundland*, one of about 150 and the other 100 Tuns. The 17th two other *Dutch* Privateers ſailed from hence with 5 Prizes for *Holland*, valued at above 20000 l. all taken in 10 days time. The 18th a *French* Prize called the *Bonadventure* of *Bayonne*, of 500 Tuns Burthen, bound to *Greenland*, was ſent in here by a *Dutch* Privateer. The 19th the *Mermaid*, the *Venetian*, and the *Sea-Horſe*, all three very richly laden from

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